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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII), as amended by the Council in its decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2013 is set out in the annex to the present note.

2. Under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1147 (XLI), in 2013 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2013

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Botswana* (2013), Cameroon* (2013), Morocco* (2013), Niger (2015), United Republic of Tanzania (2015)

Four members from Asia-Pacific States

China (2016), Japan (2016), Mongolia (2015), Oman (2015)

Four members from Eastern European States

Bulgaria (2016), Czech Republic (2015), Hungary (2015), Russian Federation* (2013)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Barbados (2016), Colombia* (2013), Cuba (2015), Dominican Republic (2016)

Seven members from Western European and other States[a]

Australia* (2013), Germany (2016), Italy* (2013), Norway* (2013), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2016), United States of America (2015)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2016 (see decision 2012/201 A).

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term: membership for the forty-seventh session (2013-2014))[b]

Twelve members from African States[c]

Algeria (2015), Angola* (2014), Chad (2017), Egypt (2016), Gabon (2015), Ghana* (2014), Madagascar (2017), Malawi* (2014), Senegal* (2014), Uganda (2016), United Republic of Tanzania (2016)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States[d]

China* (2014), India* (2014), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2016), Malaysia* (2014), Oman (2017), Philippines* (2014), Turkmenistan (2015)

Five members from Eastern European States[e]

Georgia (2015), Hungary* (2014), Republic of Moldova (2016), Russian Federation* (2014)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States[f]

Brazil (2017), Ecuador (2015), El Salvador (2015), Guatemala* (2014), Jamaica* (2014), Mexico (2017), Saint Lucia* (2014), Uruguay (2017)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2017), Denmark (2017), Luxembourg* (2014), Netherlands (2017), Norway (2016), Portugal (2015), Spain (2016), Switzerland (2017), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2014), United States of America* (2014)

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* Retiring member.

[b] In accordance with its decision 2005/213, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2014) of the Commission's forty-eighth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session, in 2018.

[c] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session (held in 2013) and expire at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017 (see decision 2012/201 C).

[d] There are three vacancies in this group: one vacancy for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session, in 2016, and two vacancies for members whose terms would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session (held in 2013) and expire at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017 (see decision 2012/201 C).

[e] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session (held in 2013) and expire at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017 (see decision 2012/201 C).

[f] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session, in 2016 (see decision 2012/201 C).

Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership for the fifty-second session (2013-2014))

Twelve members from African States

Burkina Faso (2015), Cameroon (2015), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2017), Egypt (2015), Liberia (2016), Madagascar (2017), Malawi (2017), Mauritania (2016), Nigeria (2016), Sudan (2016), Uganda (2017), Zimbabwe (2015)

Ten members from Asia-Pacific States[g]

Bangladesh (2015), China (2017), Japan (2016), Kuwait (2017), Mongolia (2016), Nepal (2015), Pakistan (2017), Republic of Korea (2016), Viet Nam (2015)

Five members from Eastern European States[h]

Belarus (2016), Poland (2017), Russian Federation (2016), Ukraine (2015)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2017), Brazil (2017), Chile (2017), Cuba (2015), Dominican Republic (2016), Ecuador (2016), El Salvador (2016), Mexico (2015), Peru (2015)

Ten members from Western European and other States[i]

Andorra (2015), Austria (2015), Finland (2017), Germany (2016), Spain (2015), United States of America (2016)

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There are no vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2013.

[g] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session (held in 2013) and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017 (see decision 2012/201 D).

[h] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session (held in 2013) and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017 (see decision 2012/201 D).

[i] There are four vacancies in this group: one vacancy for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016, and three vacancies for members whose terms would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session (held in 2013) and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017 (see decision 2012/201 D).

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the fifty-eighth session (2013-2014))[j]

Thirteen members from African States

Burkina Faso (2017), Central African Republic* (2014), Comoros* (2014), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2015), Gambia* (2014), Lesotho (2017), Liberia (2015), Libya* (2014), Malawi (2016), Niger (2016), Swaziland* (2014), Uganda (2017), Zimbabwe (2015)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States

Bangladesh* (2014), China (2016), Indonesia (2016), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2017), Malaysia* (2014), Mongolia* (2014), Pakistan (2017), Philippines* (2014), Republic of Korea* (2014), Thailand (2015)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2017), Estonia (2015), Georgia (2015), Russian Federation (2016)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2014), Brazil (2016), Cuba (2016), Dominican Republic (2016), Ecuador (2017), El Salvador* (2014), Jamaica (2015), Paraguay (2017), Uruguay* (2014)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2015), Finland (2016), Germany (2017), Israel (2017), Netherlands (2015), Spain (2015), Switzerland (2017), United States of America (2016)

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Thirteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Five members from Asia-Pacific States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States.

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* Retiring member.

j In accordance with its decision 2002/234, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2014) of the Commission's fifty-ninth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-second session, in 2018.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Algeria (2015), Cameroon (2015), Côte d'Ivoire* (2013), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2015), Egypt (2015), Ghana* (2013), Namibia (2015), Sierra Leone* (2013), Swaziland* (2013), United Republic of Tanzania (2015), Zimbabwe (2015)

Twelve members from Asia-Pacific States[k]

Afghanistan (2015), China (2015), India* (2013), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2015), Lao People's Democratic Republic* (2013), Myanmar* (2013), Pakistan (2015), Republic of Korea (2015), Saudi Arabia* (2013), Thailand (2015), Turkmenistan (2015)

Six members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2013), Hungary (2015), Poland (2015), Romania* (2013), Russian Federation* (2013), Ukraine (2015)

Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States[k]

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)* (2013), Brazil* (2013), Chile* (2013), Colombia* (2013), Guatemala (2015), Mexico (2015), Peru (2015), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2015), Suriname (2015), Uruguay (2015)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia* (2013), Austria (2015), Belgium* (2013), Canada* (2013), Denmark (2015), France* (2013), Germany (2015), Israel (2015), Italy (2015), Netherlands (2015), Spain (2015), Turkey (2015), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2013), United States of America (2015)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asia-Pacific States;

Three members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[k] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49, one seat rotates between Asia-Pacific States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Asia-Pacific States in 2011 for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2012, thus giving Asia-Pacific States 12 seats and Latin American and Caribbean States 10 seats.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2014), Cameroon (2015), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2014), Ghana (2015), Kenya (2014), Mauritius (2014), Namibia (2015), Nigeria (2015), Sierra Leone (2014), South Africa (2014), Tunisia (2014), Uganda (2014)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States

China (2014), Indonesia (2015), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2014), Pakistan (2015), Republic of Korea (2015), Saudi Arabia (2015), Thailand (2014), United Arab Emirates (2014)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2015), Croatia (2014), Czech Republic (2015), Russian Federation (2014)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2015), Bahamas (2015), Brazil (2015), Colombia (2014), Cuba (2014), Mexico (2015), Peru (2015), Uruguay (2014)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria (2014), Germany (2014), Italy (2014), Norway (2015), Switzerland (2015), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2015), United States of America (2015)

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There are no vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2013.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term)

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/203, welcomed the decision to establish a universal, intergovernmental high-level political forum that would replace the Commission and recommended that the Commission hold its last session, which should be short and procedural, after the closure of negotiations on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum and immediately before the first high-level political forum, in order to ensure a smooth institutional transition.

The General Assembly, in the same resolution, called for the negotiation process under the Assembly to define the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum to start in January 2013 at the latest and to aim to conclude by May 2013 so as to provide enough time to prepare the first high-level forum to be convened at the beginning of the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly.

In the light of Assembly resolution 67/203, the Council will not be holding elections in 2013 for members of the Commission for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2014) of the Commission's twenty-third session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-fifth session, in 2017.

Membership for the twenty-first session (2012-2013)

Thirteen seats for African States

Algeria (2013), Angola (2014), Benin (2013), Botswana (2014), Congo (2014), Côte d'Ivoire (2013), Equatorial Guinea (2014), Kenya (2015), Lesotho (2014), Liberia (2015), Sudan (2015), Togo (2013), Uganda (2015)

Eleven seats for Asia-Pacific States

China (2015), Indonesia (2014), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2014), Kazakhstan (2013), Lebanon (2014), Malaysia (2013), Mongolia (2013), Pakistan (2015), Saudi Arabia (2014), Thailand (2013)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Armenia (2014), Belarus (2013), Bulgaria (2015), Hungary (2015), Latvia (2013), Montenegro (2014)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2015), Bahamas (2013), Brazil (2014), Cuba (2015), El Salvador (2014), Haiti (2015), Mexico (2014), Nicaragua (2014), Panama (2013), Peru (2013)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States

Australia (2015), Belgium (2014), Denmark (2013), France (2013), Germany (2014), Ireland (2015), Israel (2014), Italy (2014), Netherlands (2013), Norway (2013), Spain (2014), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2015), United States of America (2015)

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There are no vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2013.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(43 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Cameroon (2016), Central African Republic (2016), Lesotho (2014), Liberia (2016), Mauritius (2014), Nigeria (2016), Rwanda (2014), Togo (2014), Tunisia (2014), United Republic of Tanzania (2014), Zambia (2016)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States[l]

China (2014), India (2014), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2014), Japan (2016), Oman (2016), Philippines (2014), Saudi Arabia (2014), Sri Lanka (2016)

Five members from Eastern European States[m]

Bulgaria (2014), Hungary (2014), Latvia (2014), Russian Federation (2016)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2016), Chile (2016), Costa Rica (2016), Cuba (2014), Dominican Republic (2014), El Salvador (2014), Mexico (2016), Peru (2014)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria (2016), Finland (2016), France (2014), Germany (2016), Malta (2014), Portugal (2016), Sweden (2014), Switzerland (2016), Turkey (2014), United States of America (2014)

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There are no vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2013.

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[l] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2016 (see decision 2012/201 D).

[m] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2016 (see decision 2012/201 D).